

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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RONALD JOHNSTON,

Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER**

NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY,

20-CV-04224 (PMH)

Defendant.

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PHILIP M. HALPERN, United States District Judge:

As the parties have been advised, the Southern District of New York has adopted a centralized calendaring system for jury trials during the COVID-19 pandemic. Under the system currently in place, the Clerk's Office schedules up to three jury trials to begin on each day of jury selection: a primary case and up to two back-up cases that may proceed in its place if the primary case does not go forward.

The Clerk's Office has now notified the Court that this case has been scheduled as the primary back up case for **February 9, 2022**. The case will proceed if the primary case does not go forward.

The case must therefore be trial ready for that date. As soon as the Court confirms whether the matter will proceed during the week of **February 9, 2022**, it will inform the parties. If the case cannot proceed during the week of **February 9, 2022**, the Court will seek another jury trial date for as soon as possible thereafter.

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out the questionnaire. If your answers meet the requirements for entry, you will be sent a QR code to be used as the SDNY entry device at the courthouse entrance.

The parties are directed to immediately notify the Court if they have reached a settlement.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: White Plains, New York  
December 9, 2021

  
Philip M. Halpern  
United States District Judge